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Subject: Opposition to SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874

As parents of public school students, we strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools. We moved here for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us in Wilton, CT. None of these bills include even one mention of school quality. We are concerned that larger regional school districts will erode the quality and the character of our local schools. What is more, I have not seen any empirical evidence to validate that such a move actually leads to cost savings.

I hope you will oppose SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Thank you,

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